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Letter dated 15 October 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I attach herewith a comparative analysis of the Armenian and Azerbaijani operational data on ceasefire violations presented by the two Permanent Missions for the month of July 2014 (see annex).

The analysis demonstrates that, of the 625 incidents claimed by the Republic of Azerbaijan for the month of July 2014, only 66 correspond to the operational data of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia, which constitutes only 10.6 per cent of the total number of cases presented by Azerbaijan and attests to the ongoing practice of misinformation exercised by the latter.

I kindly request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 32, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Zohrab **Mnatsakanyan**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex to the letter dated 15 October 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Comparison of the information presented by the Republic of Azerbaijan and the operational data of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia concerning ceasefire violations, July 2014

Serial number	*Date*	*Time specified by the Republic of Azerbaijan*	*Time specified by the Republic of Armenia*	*Direction of the shot*	*Type of weapon specified by the Republic of Azerbaijan*	*Type of weapon specified by the Republic of Armenia*	*Result specified by the Republic of Azerbaijan*	*Result specified by the Republic of Armenia*
1.	2 July 2014	0025-0030	0015	Bash-Qarvend	PK	AK, PK	–	–
2.		0505-0515	1900	Ashaghi Seyidahmedli	AK	AK	–	–
3.		2000-2005	1540	Chinari				
4.	3 July 2014	0525-0530	0150	Ashaghi Seyidahmedli	AK	AK	–	–
5.		0535-0540	1848	Ashaghi Veysali	AK	SVD	–	–
6.		2010-2015	1455	Movses	AK	DShK		
7.	4 July 2014	0120-0135	0140	Kurapatkino	AK	AK	–	–
8.	5 July 2014	0050-0115	0030	Shurabad	AK	AK	–	–
9.		0225-0230	2130	Marzili	AK	AK	–	–
10.		2305-2310	2300	Kurapatkino	AK	AK	–	–
11.	6 July 2014	0510-0515	0140	Kurapatkino	AK	AK	–	–
12.		1320-1325	2340	Kurapatkino	AK	AK	–	–
13.	8 July 2014	0135-0210	0100	Kurapatkino	AK	PK	–	–
14.		0335-0338	2100	Yusifjanli	AK	AK	–	–
15.	9 July 2014	0045-0048	0050	Kurapatkino	AK	AK	–	–
16.		0410-0417	0058	Yusifjanli	AK	AK	–	–
17.	11 July 2014	1820-1850	1530	Aygedzor	AK	AK, PK	–	–
18.	12 July 2014	1830-1835	0252	Horadiz	AK, PK	PK	–	–
19.	15 July 2014	0525-0545	2400	Marzili	AK	AK	–	–
20.	18 July 2014	0450-0510	0245	Ashaghi Veysali	AK	AK	–	–
21.	19 July 2014	1910-1930	2210	Ashaghi Veysali	DShK	AK	–	–

Abbreviations: PK, Kalashnikov machine gun; AK, Kalashnikov rifle; SVD, 7.62 mm sniper rifle; DShK, 12.7 mm machine gun; NSVP, 12.7 mm heavy machine gun; RPK, 5.45 mm machine gun; Utyos, 12.7 mm machine gun; RPG, anti-tank grenade launcher; ZSU-23-4, 23 mm anti-aircraft self-propelled mount; F-1, hand grenade.

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22.		1800-1820	1730	Movses	AK	DShK	–	–
23.	21 July 2014	0925-0930	2255	Bash-Qarvend	AK	PK	–	–
24.	25 July 2014	2020-2040	2300-2315	Chinari	PK	PK, NSVP	–	–
25.		2330-0000	2040-2050	Aygepar	AK, PK	PK, DShK	–	–
26.		0130-0145	2120	Movses	AK, DShK	DShK	–	–
27.		2320-2345	2300	Karmiraghbyur	AK	RPK, DShK	–	–
28.	26 July 2014	1940-2020	1900	Chinari	AK, PK, DShK	AK, PK	–	–
29.		0030-0150	1125	Movses	AK, PK, DShK	AK	–	–
30.		0440-0500	1940	N. Karmiraghbyur	AK	DShK	–	–
31.		2100-2235	2030-2050	Paravaqar	AK, DShK	DShK	–	–
32.		0030-0150	2215-2235	Aygepar	AK, PK	AK	–	–
33.	27 July 2014	2340-2345	2305-2315	Kurapatkino	AK	AK	–	–
34.	28 July 2014	0430-0455	0029	Ashaghi-Seydakhmedli	AK	AK	–	–
35.		0430-0455	0030	Karakhanbeyli	AK	AK	–	–
36.		0122-0125	0144-0156	Kurapatkino	AK	AK	–	–
37.		1340-1420	1050	Paravaqar	AK, DShK	DShK	–	–
		2230-2330	1250					
38.		2245-2305	1205	Movses	AK, DShK	DShK, Utyos	–	–
		2320-2355	1300					
39.		1910-2030	1950	Aygepar	RPG	DShK, Utyos	–	–
		2140-2210	2015-2030		3ZSU-23-4			
40.	29 July 2014	0400-0425	0448	Marzili	AK, F-1	AK	–	–
41.		0400-0425	2158	Yusifjanli	AK, RPG, DShK	AK	–	–
		1610-1630	2205					
42.		1910-1920	2230-2350	Berqaber	AK	DShK, PK	–	–
43.	30 July 2014	0005-0030	0540	Berqaber	AK	AK	–	–
		0740-0800	0610					
44.		1400-1415	0100	Dovegh	AK	PK	–	–

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45.		0015-0020	1220	Kurapatkino	AK	PK	–	–
		0115-0130	1430			NSVP		
		0430-0450	2020-2035			AK		
46.		0150-0205	1455	Ashaghi Veysali	AK	PK	–	–
		0430-0455	1515			SVD		
		1940-2010	2320					
47.		0020-0030	2305	Bash-Qarvend	AK	PK	–	–
48.		0930-0950	1615	Voskepar	AK	PK	–	–
49.	31 July 2014	0310-0315	0930	Kurapatkino	AK, PK	PK	–	–
		0330-0335	2340					
50.		0248-0255	2230	Marzili	AK, RPK	AK	–	–
		0315-0329	2245					
51.		0325-0330	1545	Bash-Qarvend	AK	AK	–	–
52.		0530-0540	2345	N. Karmiraghbyur	AK	AK	–	–
53.		2150-0000	2045	Berqaber	AK, PK	DShK, PK	–	–
		2300-0000	2345					
54.		2210	1920	Dovegh	–	PK, AK	An Azerbaijani civilian was wounded	–

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Question of Cyprus

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Letter dated 20 October 2014 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I enclose herewith two separate annexes recording the infringements of international air traffic regulations and violations of the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by Turkey (see annex I) and the illegal use of closed ports by Turkish warships during the month of August 2014 (see annex II). It should also be noted that Turkish commercial aircrafts systematically use the illegal Tympou airport. I have the honour to draw your attention to the systematic infringements by Turkey of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus through blatant violations of international law, in a way that seriously jeopardizes safety and security in the greater region.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 42, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Menelaos **Menelaou**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex I to the letter dated 20 October 2014 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Airborne violations

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
4 August	2001-2050	One CN-235 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations by entering the Nicosia flight information region (FIR) without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia area control centre (ACC).
	2002-2115	Two Cougar Turkish military helicopters infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
5 August	0931-0953	One Cougar Turkish military helicopter infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
6 August	1006-1201	One Cougar Turkish military helicopter infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
7 August	0921-1020	One Cougar Turkish military helicopter infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
	1407-1616	One CN-235 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations by entering the Nicosia FIR without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
8 August	0826-1245	One Cougar Turkish military helicopter infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
	0902-1245	One Cougar Turkish military helicopter infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	1412-1441	One Cougar Turkish military helicopter infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
9 August	0847-0908	One ATR-72 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC, landing at the illegal Tympou airport.
	0950-1009	One ATR-72 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC, having departed from the illegal Tympou airport.
11 August	0935-1105	One Cougar Turkish military helicopter infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
	1238-1343	One Cougar Turkish military helicopter infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
	1300-1315	One CN-235 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC, landing at the illegal Tympou airport.
	1441-1458	One CN-235 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC, having departed from the illegal Tympou airport.
12 August	0916-1034	One Cougar Turkish military helicopter infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
13 August	0758-0851	One C-130 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
	0850-0910	One CN-235 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC, landing at the illegal Tympou airport.
	1046-1107	One CN-235 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC, having departed from the illegal Tympou airport.
	1455-1516	Two F-4 and six F-16 Turkish military aircrafts infringed international air traffic regulations by entering the Nicosia FIR without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
	1750-1827	One C-130 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
14 August	1438-1626	One CN-235 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations by entering the Nicosia FIR without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
19 August	1020-1155	One Cougar Turkish military helicopter infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
20 August	0803-0847	One C-130 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
	1940-2023	One C-130 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
21 August	1130-1148	One C-130 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC, landing at the illegal Tympou airport.
	1707-1722	One C-130 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC, having departed from the illegal Tympou airport.
22 August	0910-1050	One Cougar Turkish military helicopter infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
	1400-1550	One CN-235 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations by entering the Nicosia FIR without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
25 August	1033-1135	One Cougar Turkish military helicopter infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
	1150-1302	One Cougar Turkish military helicopter infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
	1209-1239	One CN-235 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC, landing at the illegal Tympou airport.
26 August	0627-1025	One CN-235 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC, having departed from and again landing at the illegal Tympou airport.
	1405-1611	One CN-235 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations by entering the Nicosia FIR without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
27 August	0144-0204	One CN-235 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC, landing at the illegal Tympou airport.
	0224-0241	One CN-235 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC, having departed from the illegal Tympou airport.
	0625-1015	One CN-235 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC, having departed from and again landing at the illegal Tympou airport.
	0905-1035	One Cougar Turkish military helicopter infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
28 August	0903-0958	One C-130 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
	1000-1050	One Cougar Turkish military helicopter infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
	1524-1618	One Cougar Turkish military helicopter infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.
	2100-2140	One C-130 Turkish military aircraft infringed international air traffic regulations and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by entering the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus without diplomatic permit or contacting the Nicosia ACC.

Annex II to the letter dated 20 October 2014 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Naval violations

Dates	*Nature of violation*
26 May-October	One Turkish research/survey vessel violated the territorial waters of the Republic of Cyprus and illegally used the closed port of Ammochostos.
24 July-15 August	One C-141 Turkish tank landing ship violated the territorial waters of the Republic of Cyprus and illegally used the closed port of Kerynia.
24 July-15 August	One C-142 Turkish tank landing ship violated the territorial waters of the Republic of Cyprus and illegally used the closed port of Kerynia.
14-19 August	One AG-6 (P-306) Turkish net laying ship violated the territorial waters of the Republic of Cyprus and illegally used the closed port of Ammochostos.
29 August-October	One S-358 Turkish submarine violated the territorial waters of the Republic of Cyprus and illegally used the closed port of Kerynia, while participating in naval exercises of the occupation forces.

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Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory

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Identical letters dated 20 October 2014 from the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

Pursuant to my letter of 14 October 2014, I am compelled to place on record our absolute condemnation of the criminal, deadly actions being perpetrated by extremist terrorist settlers illegally transferred by Israel, the occupying Power, to the Palestinian land, as well as continued Israeli incitement and provocations against holy sites, in particular in East Jerusalem, in what appear to be deliberate attempts to exacerbate already volatile tensions and create further instability.

On a nearly daily basis, Israeli settlers continue with their terror rampages, persisting with attacks on Palestinian civilians, destruction of properties, and theft of land and natural resources. The latest terrorist crime by a settler occurred yesterday, 20 October 2014, when a settler ran over two young girls who were walking home from school in the West Bank town of Sinjil in a so-called "hit and run" accident. Kindergarten student Inas Khalil, age 5, and Nilin Asfour, age 8, had just gotten off the school bus and were walking to their mothers, who were waiting for them on the opposite side of the street, when an Israeli settler's car rammed directly into them and sped away. Inas and Nilin were both rushed to the hospital. Tragically, 5-year-old Inas was pronounced dead a couple of hours later, while Nilin still remains in critical condition. We condemn this brutal act of Israeli settler terrorism, and we call on the international community to unequivocally condemn this and all other such attacks and terror against Palestinian children under Israeli occupation.

It should also be mentioned that this so-called "hit and run" accident has become a recurring deadly practice by Israeli settlers against the Palestinian civilian population. In this regard, we draw your attention to the following similar incidents of so-called "hit and run" acts in just the past few months: on 25 September, a 10-year-old girl was hit by an Israeli settler in Silwan; on 17 August, a Palestinian man was killed after being hit by the car of an Israeli settler in Occupied East Jerusalem;

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on 14 August, a Palestinian man was hit by the car of an Israeli settler; and on 7 August, a settler hit and ran over an 8-year-old Palestinian girl in the southern West Bank.

Moreover, the following are among the many violent acts committed by extremist Israeli settlers in the recent period, which coincides with the Palestinian olive harvest season:

- 11 October: A large group of Israeli settlers violently beat a young Palestinian woman while she was picking olives in an orchard in the village of Yasuf in the Salfit district in the central West Bank. This attack was the third attack over a span of three days. The day before, a mother picking olives in an orchard outside Yasuf village was brutally beaten in front of her children by 10 Israeli settlers
- 12 October: Israeli settlers attempted to kidnap a 4-year-old child in Occupied East Jerusalem as he was standing at the entrance of the building where his family lives
- 14 October: A mosque near Nablus was set on fire and vandalized in another hate crime by Jewish settlers, who also spray-painted nationalist and racist graffiti on the mosque's walls
- 17 October: Dozens of Israeli settlers damaged and destroyed wells belonging to Palestinians in the Khirbet Samra area of the Jordan Valley
- 20 October: Israeli settlers, protected by occupying forces, took over two Palestinian apartment buildings and land in the Batn al-Hawa area, in the Silwan neighbourhood in Occupied East Jerusalem.

We reiterate that Israel, the occupying Power, is responsible for all of the crimes committed by the settlers it has transferred to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, in grave breach of international law, including humanitarian law and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. We wish to also place on record that today, Israel's own President, Reuven Rivlin, stated that Israel is suffering from an epidemic of violence that must be treated, saying, "It is time to honestly admit that Israeli society is sick — and it is our duty to treat this disease." In order to truly treat the disease plaguing Israeli society, we call on the occupying Power to first and foremost recognize the illegality and brutality of this 47-year military occupation and the destructive impact it has had on both peoples. Moreover, Israel must act forthwith to hold the perpetrators of such crimes accountable and act to avert the continuation of these criminal, provocative attacks, which are aggravating tensions and religious sensitivities between the two sides, further stoking anger and rage and deepening mistrust.

We must also draw your attention to the continuing Israeli incitement and provocations against holy sites in Occupied East Jerusalem, namely, at Al-Haram Al-Sharif (the Noble Sanctuary), which houses the holy Al-Aqsa Mosque and Qubbat Al-Sakhra (Dome of the Rock). In this regard, on Friday, 17 October, thousands of Palestinians were forced to perform prayers in the streets and alleyways of the Old City of Jerusalem as men under the age of 50 were prevented by the occupying Power from entering the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound. Moreover, Israeli forces assaulted young worshippers as they attempted to enter the Old City for Friday prayers, and many sustained injuries. This follows the provocation of last

week when right-wing Deputy Speaker of the Israeli Knesset and member of the Prime Minister's party, Moshe Feiglin, protected by hundreds of Israeli occupying forces, yet again entered the Al-Aqsa Mosque, leading to violent clashes with innocent Palestinian worshippers, many of whom were injured by stun grenades and rubber-coated bullets.

We reiterate the dangers of such ongoing provocations and incitement. We condemn and reject all Israeli measures and attempts to illegally alter the character, historic and religious identity and legal status of these holy sites, and demand a halt to all such measures throughout Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of our State. This must include a halt to all illegal practices also aimed at altering the demographic composition of the City in grave breach of international humanitarian law and relevant United Nations resolutions. We reiterate the statement made by President Mahmoud Abbas that "the Palestinian leadership will be taking the necessary legal measures at the international level regarding the aggression of settlers against the Al-Aqsa Mosque".

Moreover, the Israeli occupying forces continue to use excessive force against Palestinian civilians, including children, causing death and injury and destruction of property. Over the past two weeks alone, the occupying Power has carried out 55 military invasions into Palestinian communities in the West Bank and arrested at least 51 Palestinians, including six children. One of the most recent victims of Israel's aggression against the Palestinian civilian population under its occupation was a 13-year-old Palestinian boy, Bahaa Samir Badir, who was shot dead by occupying forces during a military raid in the West Bank village of Beit Laqiya on 16 October. Bahaa was shot three times in the chest at close range by an Israeli commander and died two hours later. Tragically, as his family and friends mourn his death, their pain is compounded by the fact that the killing of this child, like so many other Palestinian children, will likely go unpunished and without consequence, without any accountability for the perpetration of these crimes by the Israeli occupying forces, as is the case with the above-mentioned killing of 5-year-old Inas by Israeli settlers.

We reiterate our calls on the international community to condemn these illegal and provocative Israeli actions and to act collectively to compel Israel, the occupying Power, to cease its violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and to abide fully by its legal obligations and to act immediately to rein in the terror and violence being perpetrated by its settlers. The Security Council in particular must uphold its duty under the Charter of the United Nations to address this situation, which constitutes a constant threat to peace and security in the region and beyond. Contributing to the de-escalation of tensions and the respect of international law should be viewed as an absolute necessity and the collective responsibility of all to ensure.

The present letter is in follow-up to our 524 letters regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, which constitutes the State of Palestine. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 14 October 2014 (A/ES-10/660-S/2014/735), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed against the Palestinian people. Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable, and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine
to the United Nations